REMARKS

Claims 1-43 and 46 are currently pending in the application.

Claims 13, 34 and 35 are cancelled.

Claims 1 and 24 are amended.

Claims 47 through 65 have been added.

Rejection of Claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b)

Claims 1 and 24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by Scaman. Claims 1 has been amended to add the limitation, "said fixture comprising a conductive material".

Claim 24 has been amended to add the limitation, "wherein said ionization source is a positive ionization source".

Claims 47 through 65 have been added to further claim Applicant's invention. Claim 47 is similar to Claim 24 with the exception that claim 47 claims the ionization source is a negative ionization source.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that all claims pending in this application, namely Claims 1-43 and 46 are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early and favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone or personal interview may facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, he is respectfully requested to contact Applicants undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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